

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, please replace paragraph [0031] with the following new paragraph:

As a preferable embodiment of the invention, in the above method, the node definition step comprises:

a step of determining what generation node each node is from the root node and calculating the number of nodes contained in each generation;

a step of first assigning a number to the root node; and

a step in which if numbers are assigned to all the nodes contained in a generation, until there exists no node in the next generation of the generation concerned, numbers are assigned to all the nodes contained in the next generation in the order of numbers assigned to the parent nodes of the nodes concerned when the parent nodes concerned are different while a sibling relationship is defined among plural child nodes derived from the parent nodes and unique integers sequentially varying from the next number of a immediately previously assigned number are successively assigned to the nodes from the first child node to the last child node when the parent nodes concerned are identical to one another. Accordingly, the sibling relationship among plural child nodes derived from the same parent node is defined in the width-first mode.